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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application, claims 7-8 have been withdrawn.

Claims 1-6 are rejected.

Claims 1 and 4-6 are amended, claims 2 and 3 are canceled, and claims 9-12 are added herein. No new matter is added by these amendments. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 4-6 and 9-12 remain pending in this application.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Examiner contends that the claims fail to describe how stereoscopic viewing is achieved. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection.

The specification and claims as presented explain that stereoscopic imaging is achieved by using the state-selective regions to selectively transmit one parallax image to one view point and to transmit a second parallax image to a second viewpoint wherein these viewpoint correspond to a viewer left and right eyes, thus, creating the desired stereoscopic effect. For example, amended claim 1 recites, inter alia,

wherein the parallax images displayed on the display device are displayed at different positions of the viewing region by the horizontal separating member and the vertical separating member.

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Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 1, 2 and 6 are rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Morishima (USP 5,875,055) and claims 3-5 are rejected under 35 USC §103 as being obvious in view of Morishima. Applicants respectfully disagree with the characterization of the claims and prior art in the stated rejections and respectfully traverses these rejections.

Independent claim 1 is amended and new independent claim 12 is added herein to more clearly recite the claimed subject matter.

Claim 1, as amended, is directed to a stereoscopic image display apparatus including a horizontal separating member and a vertical separating member. Morishima does not teach or suggest at least the vertical separating member in the amended claims. In addition, Morishima does not teach or suggest the subject matter of the amended dependent claim 7 and newly added dependent claims 9, 10 and 11.

With respect to newly added independent claim 12, this display apparatus includes a horizontal separating member which has a plurality of state-selective regions selectively transmitting only light with a part of visible wavelengths. Morishima does not teach or suggest the horizontal separating member having the above state-selective regions.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention as claimed is neither taught nor suggested by, and therefore is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of, Morishima. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103.

Applicants have not addressed the individual rejections of the dependent claims but reserves the right to do so, should such be necessary and appropriate.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. 1232-5281. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. 1232-5281. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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